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## First Gun Fired In Race for Congress

Candidates for congress in the Third District opened their regular speaking campaign in Pickens last Thursday and were greeted by an audience of about 600 people, who gave close and respectful hearing to each speaker. All the candidates were present except Mr. Aiken, who was in Washington. He expects to join the campaigners in McCormick county this week.

There was no demonstration by the crowd and it was impossible to tell which candidate was the favorite. The order was well-nigh perfect and typical of Pickens county people.

The meeting was called to order in the court house at 10.30 o'clock by Chairman G. F. Norris. No minister of the gospel was present and the meeting was opened without prayer. Each speaker was allowed thirty minutes in which to present his claims and the meeting adjourned at 12.45.

The first speaker was A. H. Dagnall, who said he was no stranger here, but felt at home. Said he was making the race on his own merits and would conduct his campaign free from personalities. Attacked Congressman Aiken's record and said it looked like something was wrong when a man had been in congress fourteen years and had not become a national figure and was not even chairman of a committee. Doesn't believe Aiken big enough man for the job. In favor of a rural credit bill with not so much red tape as the one recently passed. Believes in economic preparedness as well as a navy equal to any other nation and believes preparedness prevents war. Wants cotton tax money which was collected by the U. S. government just after the war returned to the old Confederate soldiers. Would make intermarriage of whites and blacks illegal in District of Columbia. Believes in civil service rule and if elected will treat everybody right.

By the time Mr. Dagnall had finished his speech the court house would not hold the people and the meeting was adjourned to the court house grove.

F. H. Domineck was the second speaker. Said he wasn't born and didn't go to school in Pickens, but felt at home here, and mentioned the good vote he got in this county two years ago when he ran for congress. Accused Dagnall of claiming every county in the district as his home. Says this is a great district, containing 30 per cent of the manufacturing interests of the state, and should be represented by a man of ability. He lambasted Mr. Aiken's record and politics and said he had done nothing of importance since he had been in congress and hadn't even voted on half the bills introduced. Said Mr. Aiken claimed to be a farmer, but had never been put on an agricultural committee. He (Aiken) had been in public office since he was nineteen years old, had drawn about \$120,000 in salary and mileage and had done nothing to show for it. W. W. Bradley drew \$1,500 a year as Aiken's private secretary, but hadn't been in Washington six months during the last twelve years. Said Bradley was also trustee of Clemson college and Assistant State Bank Examiner. Mr. Bradley was in the audience. Mr. Dominick said he had no special issues to discuss, but was a Democrat and would support Democratic measures, including rural credit bill and preparedness. Said H. C. Tillman's father had been senator twenty years, his uncle was in congress for many years, and he thought this district should be represented by new blood. Told of his record as Assistant Attorney-General.

John A. Horton was the third speaker and caused some laughter at Mr. Dominick's expense. Said after hearing Dominick speak he wondered if the assistant attorney-general ever let the attorney-general come into the office. Expected that Attorney-General Peoples had something to do with the good showing of his office. Said the rural credit bill recently passed by congress was inadequate and would do the small farmer no good. In favor of the government lending money direct to the farmers at low rate of interest and on long time. Said farmers are the bed-rock upon which our government rests and the government should do more for them. The reason the common people have gotten no more legislation in their favor is because they do not elect men to office who are in sympathy with them. Says there are too many lawyers in our law-making bodies and when they accept big fees from corporations they naturally lean toward them instead of the common people. Said he was the only man in the race who had ever actually worked on the farm for his living and earned his way by the sweat of his brow. Is in sympathy with the masses of the people and knows their needs and trials. Said the other candidates

had curried Mr. Aiken pretty well and he believed he needed it. Accused Aiken of favoring immigration until he found it unpopular and then flopping to the other side. Believes in Democratic measures and will give everybody a square deal.

H. C. Tillman was the fourth and last speaker, and said he was not ashamed of being a Tillman. Said some one had mentioned the fact that his father and other kinsmen had been office-holders for a long time, but that when the Tillmans enlisted in the Mexican and Civil wars nobody said there were too many Tillmans then. When Mr. Tillman mentioned Dominick's name a voice in the audience said "Believe I'll vote for him." "Do it," quickly retorted Tillman, "and you'll be sorry of it when you see what a sorry congressman he makes." Is not running on his daddy's coat tail. Said Mr. Aiken is the only man who has been a member of congress fourteen years and is not one of the big committees nor even chairman of a small committee. Stands for a rural credit system. Believes in a safe and conservative preparedness and explained his plan of establishing a military school in every congressional district in the United States instead of keeping a large standing army. Schools should also have agricultural, textile and business courses. Would not be a pork-barrel congressman, but would demand full value for every dollar of public money spent. Congratulated Pickens county upon its educational strides. Will do his best if elected.

Mr. Tillman showed some of the old-time Tillman fire in parts of his speech and, from an oratorical point of view, made the best speech of the day.

## 4211 Voters in Pickens County

According to the club rolls there are 266 more voters in Pickens county this year than there were in 1914. The enrollment by clubs for 1914 and 1916 is as follows:

	1914	1916
Six Mile	211	266
Easley Mill	138	141
Alice Mill	56	76
Glenwood	134	173
Pickens	560	427
Shady Grove	59	56
Easley Mill No. 2	83	86
Flat Rock	63	63
Crosswell	103	130
Isaqueena Mill	658	683
Peters Creek	55	66
Pickens Mill	83	86
Antioch	57	57
Praters	89	98
Catechee	125	125
Calhoun	115	134
Holly Springs	66	61
Cross Plains	103	92
Pumpkintown	110	127
Mill Creek	74	101
Central	248	240
Julian's Store	55	57
Looper's Gin	65	71
Norris	103	96
Pleasant Grove	63	55
Liberty	314	410
Dacusville	91	81
Total	3945	4211

## Pickens County Campaign

The Democratic Executive Committee of Pickens county met in the court house Tuesday and made final arrangements for the county campaign and election.

There has been some misunderstanding about the county commissioners' race. There will be no race for county commissioner this year, the present incumbents holding over two more years.

Managers of election were appointed and the list will appear in next week's paper.

Following is the schedule of county campaign meetings:

Central, Thursday, August 10.  
Liberty, Saturday, August 12, 2 p.m.  
Pumpkintown, Tuesday, August 15.  
Pickens, Thursday, August 17.  
Easley, Saturday, August 19, 2 p.m.  
Candidates for solicitor in this district will also speak at the same time and places, except at Easley, where they have already spoken.

The last day for candidates to file pledges will be August 9.

The sheriff has collected \$1,554.09 tax executions recently.

Cole L. Blease, candidate for governor, has been invited and accepted the invitation to speak at Pickens August 21. More definite announcement will appear in next week's paper.

The price of Ford automobiles took a slump August 1st. The price of the touring car is now \$390 delivered, and the roadster \$365 delivered. This is \$80 off the former price of the touring car and \$15 off the price of the roadster.

Jas. P. Carey, Jr., gave \$1.00 to the Wilson-Marshall campaign fund since last week's list of contributors was published, making \$31.00 the people of Pickens have contributed to this fund. Any one wishing to contribute should do so at once.

## To the Citizens of Pickens County

From recent reports coming to me, I feel that it is my duty to say a few words in self defense.

To start with, I feel sure that these reports are circulated for the purpose of doing me political injury, but I wish it clearly understood that I do not lay any of the blame on any of my opponents in the race, because I know them all to be my personal friends, and high above taking advantage of me in any way.

There are very wrong impressions being given out concerning the Hunters' License Law—such as that a man can not hunt on his own land or allow his tenants to do so without a license. This is not according to the law at all. A man can, as you may see from a section of the act printed herewith, not only hunt and allow his tenants to hunt on his lands, but he can give permission to any resident of the county to hunt on his lands, and this permit acts as a license and also frees the hunter from liability for trespass, which a license would not do. Not many land owners would refuse to allow persons who are capable of handling a gun in a safe and sane way to hunt on their lands, and certainly those who can not safely handle firearms should not be allowed to do so. It has been against the law for years for one to hunt on the lands of others without permission, and the only change is that this permission must be "written" and should be in the possession of the hunter while hunting.

And now to the real object of this law: I regret very much to refer to the negro, but in many sections of our state there are hordes of them who wander around with their guns trespassing and endangering the lives of our women and children with their reckless shooting.

I recall an instance in our own good county where an awful crime was committed and which resulted in a lynching, because an irresponsible negro was wandering around with a gun, instead of being at work, as he probably would have been if this law had been in force.

Now, another wrong impression concerning this law is that it has something to do with fishing, and some would lead you to believe that I am responsible for the "WHOLE BUSINESS." Fishing is not mentioned in this act, and I am in no way responsible for any of the fishing laws.

To sum up the matter, the law was passed in 1915, and was statewide with the exception of several counties and among the exceptions your delegation placed Pickens.

Before the 1916 session of the legislature complaint was made from various sections, especially those next to Oconee and Greenville, which were both under the law, that hunters were coming across the line to take advantage of our free county, and at some places it

was dangerous to be at work in the fields. What were we to do? Were we to sit idly by and allow hunters of all kinds, from the three counties that surround us, to come and without permission, promiscuously shoot up our game and endanger the lives of our white citizens, our women and children?

I am not in love with this law at all but, fellow citizens, for the protection of your property and the lives of your loved ones, the delegation thought that, inasmuch as the law would be in force in Greenville, Oconee and Anderson, the only safe thing to do would be to make it apply to our own county. I believe when you understand the situation you will say we were right.

Now, my friends, I regret to have to bring all this before you, but I cannot see you all; neither can I have time to make these explanations on the stump, and they would not be necessary except that things have been misrepresented concerning me and this Hunters' License Law.

I have endeavored to serve my county with a whole heart, and I have never failed when she was assailed to take her part, and believe me now, I am always ready to stand by her and no one, more than I, rejoices at the rapid strides of progress she is making. Whether or not I am ever honored with another office, I am proud of the honor you my friends have already conferred upon me. I am glad that I have been able, in my feeble way, to alleviate the suffering of many who were unable to pay me for my services. This I hesitate to say, but it has been said of me that because I am a physician I have no right to offer for office. My friends, the office to which I aspire is yours. If you believe I can fill it well, then you can repay me for the free service I have rendered by electing me to it and, in any event, believe me to be

Yours very truly,

J. L. BOLT.

## County Hunters' License

Section 1. "Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, That every resident of this state must obtain a license in order to hunt birds or animals within the borders of this state, except landlords and tenants and their respective children on their freeholds and leaseholds, respectively, for which license he shall pay one dollar and ten cents each year; said license to be known as a 'County Hunters' License,' and it shall entitle the owner and holder thereof to hunt, in accordance with the laws of this state, anywhere in the county in which he resides: Provided, however, That any landlord may give written permission to any resident of the county in which he lives to hunt on his premises, which said written permit shall be exhibited on demand of any Game Warden or officers."

(Advertisement)

## C. L. Craig for Supt. Education

To the Voters of Pickens County:

Owing to long sickness of my little child and other pressure, I have been unable to make any canvass of the county and want to write a few words of thanks in advance for a kind hearing on the stump and for the assistance of the voters at the polls if I can satisfy them that I am worthy and that they will not be hurt if I am elected. While I am a Pickens born, Pickens raised and Pickens married boy, yet in many places I am little known, as the great bulk of my work has been done in other counties, but below you will find some testimonials that will speak for themselves.

First, Mr. A. C. Smith and Mr. E. N. McJunkin as to my integrity and teaching:

This is to certify that I have known Rev. C. L. Craig for several years and can sincerely recommend him as an upright, straight-forward Christian gentleman and a live worker, both in school and church. Our school and Sunday school have both prospered under his management. I have sent my children to him for three terms, and have never sent to a better teacher; in fact, he has done more for my son, Julius, than any other teacher I have ever sent to.

Will be glad to answer any inquiry you may wish to make concerning him. (Signed) E. N. MCJUNKIN, Trustee Ambler Graded School. Pickens, S. C., July 8, 1916.

This is to certify that I have known Rev. C. L. Craig for twenty years and can recommend him as an upright Christian gentleman. He is well qualified to teach. Is a Baptist preacher, a Sunday school worker. He has advanced my children as fast as any teacher. I can recommend him as an equal to any teacher in Pickens county. Will answer any inquiry you or anyone may wish to make. (Signed) A. C. SMITH, Patron of Ambler School, former Trustee of School. Pickens, S. C., July 8, 1916.

Second, Hon. A. W. Jones, comptroller general, as to the correctness of my bookkeeping while I was county superintendent of education of Oconee county:

I have carefully examined the books and find the same correctly kept in accordance with instruction from the comptroller general's office, this—day of October, 1901. A. W. JONES.

Third, Hon. P. P. Sullivan, S. M. Hunnicutt, C. E. Gambrell, I. F. Lee, who were trustees during my administration, as to my management of the districts. Several substantial buildings were built while I was in office, among them were the Seneca high school at a cost of \$15,000, Westminster high school at a cost of \$10,000 and the Walhalla high school at a cost of \$8,000. All this was done without aid of state appropriations such as we have now, and if we could have drawn on the \$300,754.12, the state's annual appropriation, we might have had a high school on every man's plantation, certainly one in every district, and the people would be singing the song of old, "Other county superintendents have slain their thousands, but Craig has slain tens of thousands."

To Whom it May Concern:

This is to certify that we were trustees of Brewer school district, Oconee county, year 1907. This district was at that time badly in need of a larger school house, but we had no funds to draw on at that time, so we arranged with our superintendent of education, C. L. Craig, to allow us to overdraw enough to put up a nice, good building at a cost of \$530. We had the use of this money for several years without any interest, which was a considerable item to a weak school. The old school building was sold at public auction for \$21, and we considered it well sold. (Signed) S. M. HUNNICUTT, C. E. GAMBRELL, I. F. LEE, Trustees Brewer School District, Oconee County, S. C.

To Whom it May Concern:

During the administration of C. L. Craig as superintendent of education of Oconee county I was then a resident of Madison, this county. At that time we had a large district with two schools, the larger being Stony Point, which was favored by the trustees who lived near by and were patrons of that school, the situation being so unfavorable to Madison, which was not getting enough money to exist, it was determined by the Madison people to undertake to form a new district. The matter was submitted to the board of education, and through the efforts of Superintendent

Craig the district was formed, a special levy made and the school was started, which grew very fast and has been a prosperous school with two teachers for several years. The writer was a trustee during the administration of Mr. Craig and was well pleased with the service extended in building up this school.

I have no motive in writing this letter more than to express my appreciation of the services extended the school and his uniform courtesy to me as a trustee. Respectfully submitted,

P. P. SULLIVAN.

Westminster, S. C., July 14, 1916.

C. L. CRAIG.

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## Montvale

Montvale school opened Monday of last week with a good enrollment.

W. H. Chastain made a business trip to Greenville one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Chappell went one day last week to see Jake Aiken, who is ill at his home in Greenville.

Bertran Porter, of Pickens, who has been on the sick list, spent several days recently with his grandparents near Porters chapel. We are glad to know that he is improving.

John Gantt of Liberty, recently appointed game warden for Pickens county, was circulating through this part of the county last week.

After several days' vacation, R. F. Herd, mail carrier on route 3, is back on the job.

Mrs. W. H. Chastain and children, Beal and Azilee, were visitors in Pickens last Wednesday.

A protracted meeting is being conducted this week at Mountain Grove church. Pastor Charley Atkinson is being assisted by his father, Rev. B. C. Atkinson. The meeting at Porters chapel will begin next Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gravley, of Texas, are visiting at the home of his brother, W. T. Gravley.

Miss Ruth Cannon after spending two months at Rosman, N. C., where she studied music, has returned to take up her work in the Montvale school.

## Chicken Thief Caught

Earl Hunter, whose skin is the color of darkness and whose reputation is of the same hue, was arrested last Wednesday by Officers Roark, LaBoon and Julian for stealing chickens. Jim Fortner, who lives about two miles south of town had been missing his chickens here of late and Wednesday called the officers in to help him catch the thief. When the officers arrived the "nigger" had come and gone, but he left his big barefooted tracks behind him. The rain of the night before made it easy to follow the tracks and they led right to Earl Hunter's door. The men walked in and found Hunter just about to enjoy a bountiful repast. He had one chicken in the pot cooking. On searching around a little Constable Julian found three more dressed chickens. They were in a bucket hanging down in the well. They brought the thief back to town and 'Squire Porter thought it might be well for him to spend a few days with Capt. Ragsdale. He is on a thirty-day sojourn.

Hunter has been in the hands of the law before. He was tried in 1909 for assault and battery and sentenced to seven years. He served four years and on March 6, 1913, he was paroled by Governor Blease during good behavior.

## War Pictures and Lectures

Next Friday evening at 8.30 o'clock, in the school auditorium, Rev. L. E. Wiggins will give a lecture illustrated with stereoscopic views of the European war. These pictures will be interesting and all the people should avail themselves of the opportunity to see them. A small admission fee of 10 and 15 cents will be charged. Mr. Wiggins has recently purchased a stereoscopic lantern, which he will use at his Sunday evening services at the Methodist church to illustrate lectures on different phases of religious work. The first of these services will be held next Sunday night.

## Littleton College

We have on our campus an apartment house, a two-story building of 25 rooms, with a frontage of a hundred feet, which may be used by girls who wish to form clubs and live at their own charges.

Pupils can live cheaply and comfortably in this way, many of them having their table supplies sent to them from their homes.

For further information address J. M. Rhodes, Littleton College, Littleton, N. C.

## The Ellis Farm For Sale

I offer for sale farm located near Pickens, formerly owned by George A. Ellis. For price and terms write or telephone

A. L. MILLS,  
Fourth National Bank, GREENVILLE.

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